

Application No. 10/692,335
Amendment dated December 22, 2004

Remarks:

Claims 1-8 were previously pending. Applicant cancelled claims 1-8 without prejudice or disclaimer and added new claims 9-20.

Applicant respectfully requests review and examination of claims 9-20. These claims are being added in response to the restriction requirement received in U.S. Application Serial No. 10/278,875, which is the parent application of the present application and to which the present application claims priority benefit. In the Office Action dated October 2, 2003, the Examiner restricted the claims to Group 1, claims 1-12, and Group II, claims 13-20. Applicant chose to prosecute claims 13-20 in the parent application. Applicant now seeks review and examination of claims 9-20, which correspond to Group I, claims 1-12 in the parent application.

Applicant respectfully submit that claims 9-20 are in allowable condition and requests a corresponding Notice of Allowance. In the event of further questions, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned. Any additional fee which might be due in connection with this application should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,

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